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## LA County Board Recognizes Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month

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On June 14, 2016, at the LA County Board of Supervisors meeting, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, District 2, presented a scroll to the Department of Senior Services /Adult Protective Services in recognition of Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month.

June 15, 2016, is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Launched on June 15, 2006 by the World Health Organization, the purpose of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is to raise awareness around abuse and neglect of older and dependent adults, be it cultural, social, economic and/or demographic.

For more information on <u>World Elder Abuse Day</u>, see the National Center on Elder Abuse, Administration on Aging (Department of Health and Human Services) website.

New York City created an <u>Elder Justice League</u> to address Elder Abuse via social media. The League is comprised of elder justice advocates representing 11 organizations. Participating organizations have varying funding streams and missions, serve diverse populations, and share a wide breadth of expertise. League representatives are interdisciplinary and geographically diverse, hailing from many parts of the US and Canada. Check out their latest blog post, <u>The Elder Justice League: Addressing Elder Abuse through Social Media</u>, to learn more about the new coalition that is working to take the elder abuse conversation mainstream by collaborating across social media platforms. #<u>ElderJusticeLeague</u>

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